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Glaucoma and Related Disorders*

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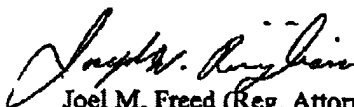
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed August 13, 2003, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

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